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Application No.: 09/782,558
Filing Date: February 13, 2001
First Named Inventor: Carol Rubbia
Group Art Unit: 3641
Examiner Name: Ricardo J. Palabrica
Confirmation No. 9660

Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR HEATING
GAS FROM A THIN LAYER OF
NUCLEAR FUEL, AND SPACE ENGINE
USING SUCH METHOD

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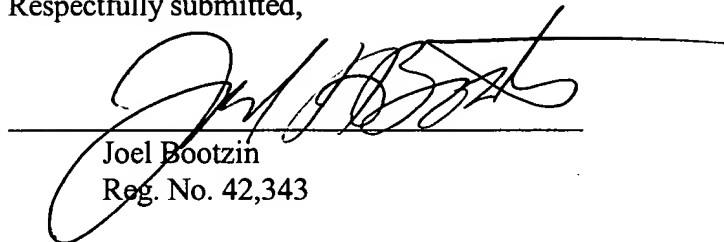
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application in response to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated March 11, 2003.

As the submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a) and (c), Applicant encloses previously filed and unentered Amendment B Provided in Revised Format in reply to the Advisory Action dated October 16, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the RCE fee of \$750.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any

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AMENDMENT B
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed October 16, 2002.

Please amend the application identified above and as shown on the following sheets.